

# Kid Scoop

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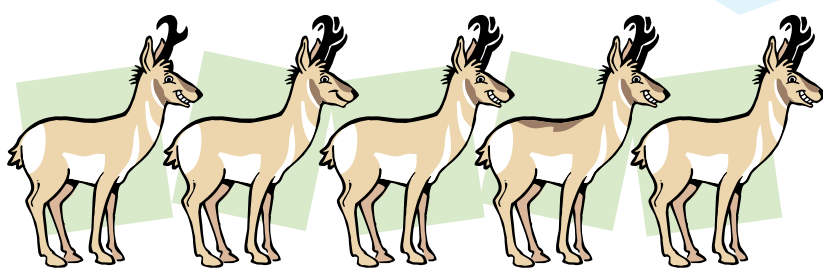
## AMAZING ANIMAL ATHLETES

Who would win the medals if Mother Nature held Olympic Games for the other animals on this planet?

### Speed and Endurance

The gold medal for long-distance running would have to go to the pronghorn antelope. It can maintain a steady speed of 35 mph (56 km/hr) for a distance of 3 miles (5 km). No other animal can run so far so fast.

Find the two identical pronghorn antelope.



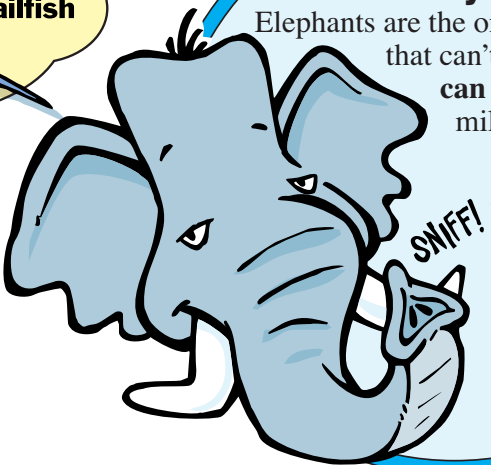
Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Identify similarities and differences in common objects.

**Complete the maze to find out which animal wins each competition!**

- The fastest animal can reach 200+ miles per hour in a dive to catch its prey.
- Fastest marine mammal swimming at more than 35 miles per hour!
- Fastest land animal racing at 70 mph!
- Fastest fish reaches 68 mph!
- Fastest insect zooms in at 36 mph!
- Dragonfly
- Ladybug
- Peregrine Falcon
- Dall's Porpoise
- Shark
- Sailfish
- Cheetah

### Winner by a Nose

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump. They can smell water three miles away, though!



**Extra! Extra!**

### Spelling Hurdles

Race through the newspaper and find and cut out letters that spell the names of each of the following Olympic events:

- Equestrian
- Javelin
- Steeplechase
- Swim

Standards Link: Language Arts: Spelling: Spell a variety of grade level words correctly.

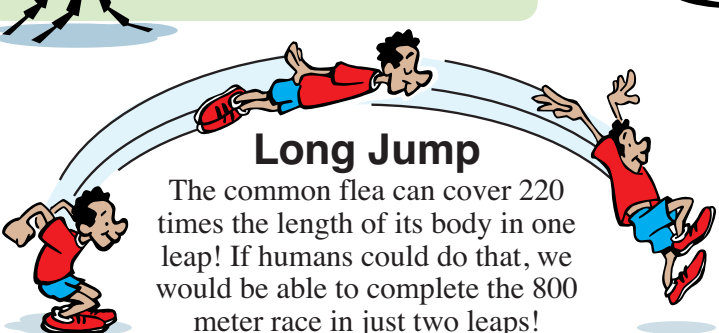
### Strongest Animal

The strongest animal, relative to body size, is the Rhinoceros beetle. It can support 850 times its own body weight on its back.



### High Jump

The puma, a member of the cat family, holds the record for the highest-jumping mammal. It can leap up to 18 feet (6 meters) in the air from a standing start.



### Long Jump

The common flea can cover 220 times the length of its body in one leap! If humans could do that, we would be able to complete the 800 meter race in just two leaps!

Traveling as fast as it can, without taking a rest, it would take a garden snail more than **eight days** to finish a 10,000 meter race!



Standards Link: Life Science: Animals meet their needs in different ways; animals inhabit different kinds of environments and have external features that help them survive and thrive in different kinds of places.

## Crack the Code

What is the Olympic motto? Use the code to find out!

□	●	+	↗	▲	○	
○	▼	◀	○	▲	○	
+	↗	○	★	◀	▲	○

A = ●    G = ◀    N = ■    S = +  
 E = ▲    H = ○    O = ★    T = ↗  
 F = □    I = ▼    R = ○    U = ▶

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

- WINNER  
FLEA  
RACE  
SPEED  
MAMMAL  
FISH  
ANIMAL  
METER  
LEAP  
JUMP  
GOLD  
DISTANCE  
NATURE  
BODY  
CAT  
FALCON

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

K	R	R	E	N	N	I	W	E	V
I	E	A	R	G	O	L	D	C	E
F	A	L	C	O	N	A	M	N	R
J	W	U	A	E	J	M	A	A	U
H	S	I	F	M	U	I	M	T	T
C	G	P	Y	N	M	N	M	S	A
A	T	A	E	B	P	A	A	I	N
T	R	E	T	E	M	S	M	D	Z
A	E	L	F	D	D	B	O	D	Y

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

**Long Distance Read-a-thon**  
Read parts of today's newspaper. Measure the length of each column you read. Add up all of the inches (or centimeters). Give yourself a reward if you read more than 100 inches or 254 cm!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students read from a variety of texts including newspapers; Math: Measurement.

**What happened to the cheetah who took a bath three times a day?**

**ANSWER:** After a week, he was spotless!

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